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Construction of Cocanada Headquarters Hospital.

* 72 Q.—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have selected the site where hospital buildings for Cocanada Headquarters Hospital are to be constructed;

(*b*) if so, whether they have acquired the site; if not when it will be acquired;

(*c*) when the structural work will be commenced;

(*d*) whether the Government have provided funds for the construction of the hospital; and

(*e*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to provide funds in the next budget?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The Government have decided to construct the new District Headquarters hospital at Cocanada on a site adjoining the Lady Havelock Hospital for Women and Children.

(*b*) The land required has been acquired.

(*c*) It is not possible to specify a date. Plans and estimates are under preparation and are expected to be ready shortly.

(*d*) & (*e*) No. The question of funds will be considered after the plans and estimates are ready.

Report on the medical education in the Presidency.

*73 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what steps the Government propose to take on the report of the Committee appointed by the Government on the medical education in the Presidency?

A.—The Government have passed orders accepting the recommendation of the Committee regarding the closure of the Medical School at Coimbatore, the abandonment of the proposed Medical School at Guntur and the appointment of non-medical graduates for teaching Biology in the Medical Colleges. The remaining recommendations are under consideration.

Appointment of a medical officer for leprosy work in each district.

*74 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the recommendation of the Surgeon-General regarding the appointment in each district of a medical officer trained in leprosy work?

A.—The Surgeon-General's proposal is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the proposal is under consideration in connexion with the coming budget?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Yes, Sir."